

THE YOUNG LADY

who learned to kayak.



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Once upon a time, there was a little girl who grew up to be a young lady. This young lady was now 19 years old. She was going to school in hopes to grow up to be a teacher. Although this young lady did a lot of things, she never had a true hobby. At her school there was a club called Quest that did all kinds of things that had to do with the outdoors.



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One day, the young lady saw a poster that Quest made. On this poster was a picture of a kayaker which caught her eye. The poster was offering kayaking lessons on Tuesday nights. Now, this young lady had been kayaking once before a few years ago but something really made her want to do this. Was it the fact that her older cousin, Sean, who she admires kayaks too or the fact that her Uncle and her other younger cousin Brody do it too? She's not too sure but this young lady knew what she was doing on Tuesday nights with or without her friends.



Uncle John



Brody



Sean

The first Tuesday was lonely, for none of her friends wanted to come but true to her word, the young lady still went. After what felt like forever, three students came in with kayaks; these were the instructors. Their names were Emily, AJ, and Ryan. The young lady gathered her courage and went over to say hi to the three instructors. That's where the adventure began.



Emily



AJ



Ryan

That Tuesday was the best Tuesday she'd ever had! The young lady made friends and even had a kayaking buddy. The young lady and her buddy named Chris were always partners for everything that they learned together. As the weeks went by, some of the young lady's friends came to the lesson too.



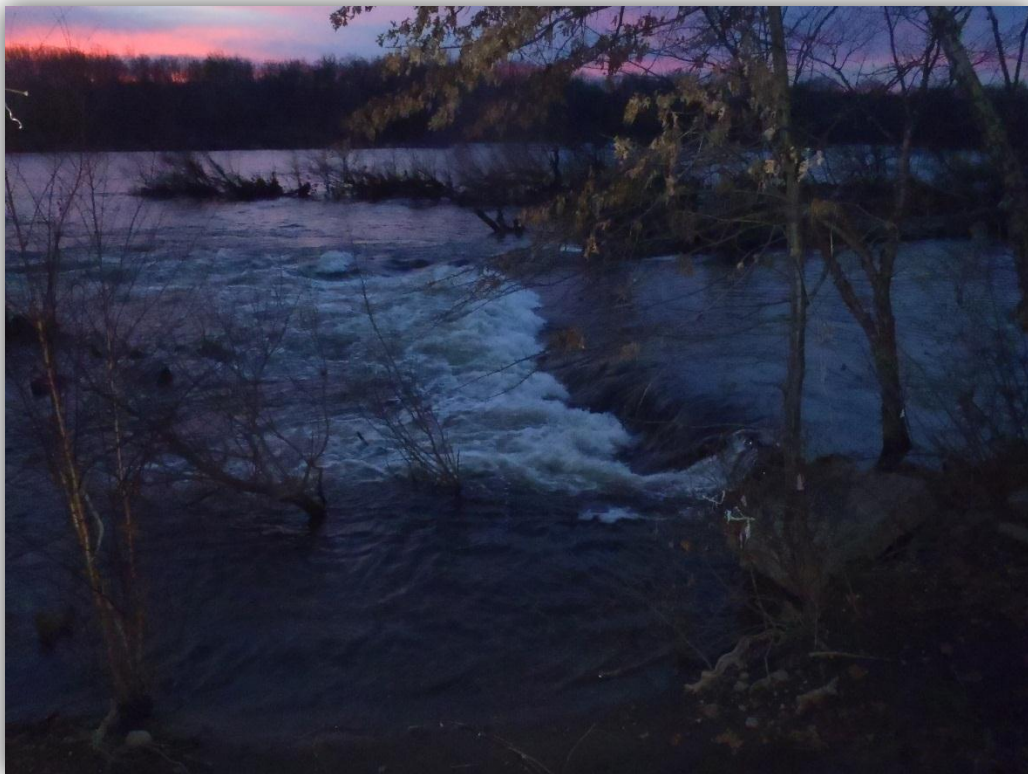
Even though the young lady hadn't quite mastered the rolling of the kayak, she was able to help other beginners when the instructors were busy helping others. Finally when there were only two classes left, the young lady did her first roll! It was a very exciting day for her. Although she could not succeed every time, she knew that she could do it.



That's when she told her older cousin Sean. He was so excited to find out that the young lady was kayaking that he was about to buy her a boat for her own. The young lady did not want this gift for she wanted more practice before the decision of buying a boat. When it was time to come home for Thanksgiving, her cousin Sean made big plans. Those plans were to go kayaking! Although the young lady was worried for how cold it was, and how cold the water must be, she decided to agree to go anyway.



It was the big day and Sean was finally off from work and the young lady and Sean headed out to a place called Scudders Falls. At this amazing place were other kayakers and even dogs sitting on the kayaks with their owners! Sean and the young lady headed into the water and with a little warm up, the lesson began. Sean taught the young lady new definitions and how to get in and out of parts of the river.



Finally the time came where the young lady had to do her roll. She was so nervous for she had never done it in a river before, only in the safety of a pool. After gathering all the courage she could, she finally rolled. And guess what? The young lady came right back up! She was so happy and she did it a few more times and every time she did, the young lady succeeded. Then it was finally time to return home for it was too dark to continue kayaking. That was a great day for the young lady for she was able to bond with her older cousin, learn some new tricks, and get over a small fear.

